McCormick's Creek State Park

## April Programs

Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **7 days a week!**Look for our program schedules on the web: <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm">http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm</a>

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344.

\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People: Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

Nature Center Renovation: New Nature Center exhibits are currently underway. The Nature Center display room will be closed for renovation. However, the Nature Center office, program room, and restrooms will remain open throughout the renovation so feel free to stop in!

Saturday, April 4th

8:30 AM

Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park/Owen County YMCA 5k

Run/Walk. Meet: Nature Center

Race Day Registration begins at 7:30AM

Entry fee on site: \$20-For more info call Owen County YMCA (812) 828-9622

Sunday, April 5th

11:30 AM

Bluebird 101: Meet: Nature Center.

Learn about the life of these cavity nesters and the bluebird monitoring project going on in the park. Accompany a naturalist to peak inside a nesting box!

Saturday, April 11th

11:30 AM Fabulous Frogs. Meet: Nature Center Auditorium

It's the season for amphibians! Learn about these amazing amphibians and be

a part of a frog chorus!

2:30 PM Exploring a Vernal Pond. Meet: Nature Center.

Hike with a naturalist to find out what may be living in a vernal pond!

(Approx. 1 hour)

Sunday, April 12th

2:30 PM

**HP/HP Early Bloomers.** Meet: Nature Center.

Prepare for Owen County Wildflower weekend by taking a hike to see early

bloomers! (Approx. 1 ½ hours)

## OWEN COUNTY WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

## **APRIL 17-19**

Pick up a detailed brochure at the Nature Center or online at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm

\*all programs are free of charge

Friday, April 17th

7:00 PM Wildflower Weekend Kickoff: Maryrose and Fred Wampler present: "The Making

of Trees of Indiana" Meet: Sycamore Room, Canyon Inn

Saturday, April 18th

8:30 AM Wildflowers of McCormick's Creek State Park. Meet: Nature Center.

9:00-11:00 AM Botany Blitz: Advanced Wildflower ID.

Meet: Greens Bluff Nature Preserve or Carpool from Nature Center at 8:30 AM

10:00-11:00 AM Preserving Indiana's Unique Landscape in Your Own Backyard!

Meet: Nature Center Auditorium

12:00-12:30 PM Popular Photography: A photo presentation of local flora by Marc Evans

Meet: Nature Center Auditorium

1:00-3:00 PM Cataract Falls Site Tour

Meet: Cataract Falls or Carpool from Nature Center at 12:30

1:30-3:00 PM The Bells are Ringing: Hike to see Virginia Bluebells!

Meet: Canyon Inn front steps

4:00-5:30 PM Indiana Demonstration Forest Tour

Meet: Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District Farm

7:30-8:30 PM Keynote Speaker: Indiana Wildflowers: An Obsession by Kay Yatskievych

Meet: Sycamore Room, Canyon Inn

Kay will share her interests in wildflowers and latest projects. Copies of her book

Field Guide to Indiana Wildflowers will be available for signing.

Sunday, April 18th

8:00-10:00 AM Birds and Blooms. Meet: Meet: Flatwoods Park.

9:30-11:00 AM Wonderful Own Wildflowers. Meet: McCormick's Creek State Park: Wolf Cave

11:30-12:30 AM Important Pollinators: The facts on bees. Meet: Nature Center Auditorium

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2:00-3:00 PM Floral Fixins': Nature's Medicine Cabinet. Meet: Nature Center.

Saturday, April 25th Arbor Day Weekend!

11:30 AM Easy Tree ID hike. Meet: Nature Center. Celebrate Arbor Day Weekend

by getting to know a few of the trees of McCormick's Creek! This is a

perfect hike for tree ID beginners!

Arbor Weekend Celebration hike: Meet: Nature Center.

Hike with a naturalist on this Arbor Day weekend. Identify native trees, learn how the special day began and what trees mean to us today! (Approx 1. hour)

Sunday, April 26th

2:30 PM

11:30 AM Pioneer Plants: Meet at the Nature Center. Take a walk to identify common

plants and learn their historical uses.